



City of Milwaukee

Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, April 26, 2006

9:00 AM

Room 301-G, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:05 A.M.

Present: Turner, Toran, Bernstein, Hintz, Wacker

Excused: Halloran O'Meara, Ellis

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Bernstein moved, seconded by Ms. Turner, for approval of the minutes as amended (change to the number of statements not filed and changing of "Mr. Eliot" to "Mr. Bernstein".

There were no objections.

2. The Board may convene into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats.

The Board convened into closed session. There were no objections.

3. The Board may then convene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stats.

4. Report from research assistant relative to office activities of the previous month.

Ms. Devereaux worked on drafting the annual report and updated a Powerpoint presentation on ethics issues. The Sister Cities Committee members must file statements of economic interest; Ms. Devereaux will contact those members who have already been appointed. Ms. Devereaux has also started a file on positions which do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Board. The 2007 budget worksheet was submitted on April 7th to the City Clerk's Office.

5. Update on returns of the 2005 Statement of Economic Interest forms. (Appoint subcommittee to review 2005 forms).

Ms. Devereaux updated the Board on the number of employees/board commission members who have not filed statements. Thirteen board members have not filed; 5 of whom are members of the Equal Rights Commission. Ms. Hintz moved, seconded by Ms. Turner, to authorize Ms. Devereaux to write a letter to the Department of Employee Relations noting that board members are not eligible to serve as they have not filed statements and a copy be sent to the Mayor and the board members. There were no objections.

Of the remaining eight board/commission members who have not filed the statement, one is dealing with a serious health issue. Mr. Bernstein moved, seconded by Ms. Wacker, to grant an indefinite extension to the individual who has health issues who is currently serving on the Board of Review. There were no objections.

There are 5 remaining employee who have not yet filed statements, totaling 12 outstanding statements (5 employees and 7 board members). This is the highest number of non-filers in recent years.

Ms. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Turner, to send a letter to board members noting that a complaint will be sworn out against them at the next Board meeting unless the completed forms are received one week prior to the Board meeting. There were no objections.

A subcommittee of Ms. Hintz, Ms. Wacker and Mr. Bernstein was formed to review 2005 statements.

6. View draft of payroll stuffer

The payroll stuffer will be distributed to all city employees. Depending on the cost and printing capabilities, it may or may not be in color. Ms. Devereaux pointed out changes from the previous year's stuffer.

7. View draft of 2005 Annual Report

The Board had no questions about the report. The Board approved the 2005 annual report for distribution.

8. Review statement of economic interest forms for new board/commission members and designated City employees.

The Board reviewed the statement of Jenann Olsen, City Plan Commission. The Board needs to seek clarification related to any income derived from the Olsen Company which might need to be noted on her statement.

9. Set next meeting date(s).

May 24th at 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned: 10:14 A.M.

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